

U.S. hopes Habib trip will soften Arafat

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WASHINGTON. — Top State Department officials regard special U.S. envoy Elie Habibi's current Middle East mission on Lebanon as a possible prelude toward moderating the "Palestine Liberation Organization's position on terrorism and Israel's right to exist."

During private briefings for selected members of Congress, these officials have candidly held out the hope that Habibi's Lebanese initiative could have the important by-product of leading to a dialogue between Washington and Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Despite the setback suffered by the Administration in August when it tried to win Israeli and Egyptian approval for a new UN resolution recognizing Palestinian rights, key State Department officials are still trying to find a new formula to open talks with the PLO.

These officials still seem convinced that the Palestinian autonomy negotiations are likely to fall unless the PLO can be convinced to give its West Bank and Gaza supporters a green light to participate.

U.S. strategy, according to reliable sources here, is to see if Habibi can achieve a stable ceasefire in southern Lebanon involving a PLO commitment to renounce the use of terrorism from their bases in the region.

In accordance with long-standing U.S. policy, Habibi has not been authorized to meet directly with PLO members. Instead, he has been using Lebanese, Syrian and other third-party intermediaries to determine the PLO's stance.

These U.S. officials already believe that the PLO "in effect" accepted UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 when it signalled its willingness to support a new UN resolution in August recognizing Palestinian rights.

State Department officials were encouraged by the PLO's attitude toward that resolution as well as by other private PLO signals that it exists to meet Washington's long-standing minimal conditions for recognition.

These officials, for instance, have been pleased that — they say — the PLO leadership no longer speaks publicly about a so-called "democratic, secular state of Palestine." This "shift" suggests to these officials that the PLO is no longer demanding the destruction of Israel.

"That's why the Habibi peace initiative is so important," one well-placed source said.

(However, the Associated Press reported last Thursday that Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO information official, said in Brussels after meeting Foreign Minister Henri Simonet: "We are ready to live in peaceful co-existence with Israel in a democratic state. If this is impossible, we have the right to establish an independent state on any part of Palestine which is liberated.")

Not all U.S. officials are confident that Habibi's efforts will meet with success — either his primary objective of stabilizing the cease-fire in Lebanon or his secondary goal of winning a PLO commitment to renounce terrorism.

President Jimmy Carter's special envoy for the Middle East, Robert Strauss, may be one of those sceptics. State department officials, who are very excited about the Habibi initiative, were upset that Strauss had spent a week "sitting on the proposal" before sending it to President Carter for his final authorization.

One pro-Israel source here familiar with the State Department thinking that led to the Habibi trip, complained that the administration "is still flirting with the PLO, even though it got badly hurt in August."

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Chinese Chairman Hua Guofeng shakes hands with a Beafearer at the Tower of London yesterday as he started the second day of his visit to Britain. See story — Page 4. (UPI telephoto)

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Coalition hinges on Begin's own faction

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With the National Religious Party shifting closer to the prime minister's view on the Eilon Moreh issue yesterday, the future of the government now hinges largely on Menachem Begin's own Herut party and on Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon.

Sources close to the prime minister said yesterday that the overriding issue determining the stability of the cabinet has become the West Bank settlement of Eilon Moreh.

The premier is said to be prepared to force the issue with Gush Emunim, because he is determined to implement the High Court of Justice order to remove the settlement from its present site.

But he would not be willing to face both opposition from his own party and the prospects of having to use the army to remove the settlers by force.

Under such circumstances, he would probably submit his resignation to the president, the sources said.

The issue is expected to be decided at Thursday's cabinet meeting. If Sharon then opposes the prime minister's determination to remove the settlers, and if the agriculture minister rallies other key figures in Herut to his viewpoint, Begin will be in difficulty, the sources said.

The problem posed by Eilon Moreh, these sources said, overhangs the internal coalition problems of replacing Finance Minister Eshkolon and filling the post of foreign minister.

The NRP's Knesset faction yesterday shifted appreciably away from Gush Emunim and closer to the viewpoint of the cabinet majority on the Eilon Moreh issue.

Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer told the faction that the Tehiya party would not be happy with the NRP's stand, "but it is up to the NRP to put forward its own original proposals and have its say."

The change came because the NRP dropped the idea of putting up a military camp at Eilon Moreh, which Hammer and Sharon had aired at Sunday's cabinet session.

NRP doves Avraham Melamed was the only member of the faction who refused to vote on the issue. He argued that the Eilon Moreh group should be shifted without compensation or alternative arrangements.

Everyone else backed Hammer, who also called for:

- implementing the High Court judgement;
- preventing a violent confrontation at all costs;
- seeking an alternative site close by;
- launching a massive settlement drive on state lands and unregistered lands;
- creating a panel of legal experts to advise on settlement problems.

Parties smooth the way for changes in cabinet

By SARAH HONIG and ASHER WALLFISH
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The cabinet crisis appeared last night to be over — for the time being at least — as all coalition parties moderated their demands to enable Prime Minister Menachem Begin to overcome the final stumbling blocks in his attempt to reshuffle his cabinet.

Liberal Party leaders, meeting with Begin in the Knesset last night, agreed to his proposal that Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich become a second deputy prime minister, that he hand over the finance portfolio to Yigal Hurvitz (Stata List), and that Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nisim take over a new department of Information.

Hurvitz told *The Jerusalem Post*: "If the prime minister calls me and offers me the Finance Ministry, I shall tell him what my plans and conditions are before indicating whether I accept."

Hurvitz is expected to demand far-reaching authority from the government to introduce stern and even drastic economic measures, as a prior condition to his accepting the

Finance Ministry portfolio. He has gone on record on a number of recent occasions that in his view the only way to slow down current runaway inflation is to severely cut the government budget, at the expense of public services and to reduce the civil service by several thousand employees.

Begin and the Liberal leaders agreed that the question of who will be the next foreign minister will be left in abeyance for a month. Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Yadin yesterday formally turned down the post (see story below).

The two leading candidates for the job remain Interior Minister Yosef Burg, whose National Religious Party is reluctant to see him give up the important Interior Ministry — and Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir, who has the backing of his entire Herut faction.

With Herut, the Liberals and the NRP all pledging their cooperation with the prime minister and saying they will not make any ultimatum demands, observers see an easing of the crisis atmosphere.

Sources close to Begin told *The Post* last night that the sudden display of good will among all coalition parties was the result of blunt talk by the premier in which he made it clear that he would not continue in office if

the parties continued to obstruct a reshuffle. They said Begin "made his will supreme as he used to in the old days."

Herut is reliably reported willing to divert itself of two of its portfolios in order to pave the way for Shamir into the Foreign Ministry. According to these reports, the faction has secured agreement to an action which would return Transport Minister Haim Landau to his former status of minister without portfolio and let the Liberals have the post in compensation for the loss of the finance portfolio, held by Ehrlich.

Under the agreement Ehrlich would be appointed a second deputy prime minister with broad authority on relations with the Jewish people. In this context, Housing and Absorption Minister David Levy is willing to let Ehrlich have the absorption portfolio. This is described as a considerable sacrifice by Herut which may solve some of Begin's problems with Jewish Agency Chairman Arvo Dulzin who has been agitating for phasing out the Absorption Ministry. With the portfolio in the hands of a fellow Liberal and possibly no longer regarded as a separate ministry, Dulzin might be mollified and the Liberals satisfied, according to the

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Weizman, Sharon seek agreement on Eilon Moreh

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Defence Minister Ester Weizman and Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon met for an hour yesterday to seek a mutually acceptable solution to the Eilon Moreh imbroglio. The two ministers will meet again before Thursday's cabinet session on the subject.

Both ministers were reticent last night about details of their talk, and their aides would not go beyond describing the meeting as "fruitful."

Weizman, however, is understood to have told Sharon that she firmly opposes establishing a military outpost at the Eilon Moreh settlement site which, according to a High Court of Justice ruling last week, must be vacated in three more weeks.

According to a TV report, the two Herut ministers had a sharp exchange of views.

Shamir "is capable of making a very good minister, but I still have to think about it."

Yadin later agreed with the prime minister that there is no need for the government to fall over the reshuffle controversy. "Despite all of the problems it is encountering, this is a good government and there is no better alternative in the offing. Coalition party heads might meet by the end of the week to try to work out a solution," he said.

He proposed that the heads of the main coalition parties — Burg, Yadin and Begin — meet later this week with Begin to finalize the new cabinet appointments.

Yadin again explained that he had declined the job of foreign minister because "it would be somewhat unethical for me to criticize the government's foreign policy and at the same time also defend it. Moreover, I was not offered the job of foreign minister with full powers. The minister of the interior would continue to conduct the autonomy talks, and there would not be much left for the foreign minister to do. Dr. Yosef Burg is doing a good job and I understand the political exigencies due to which Begin must have him in that role, but in such circumstances I could not be the foreign minister."

"Furthermore, I am interested in Project Renewal for the country's slums, especially as we have finally brought it to a take-off position," Yadin said.

Kennedy forms election c'tee to 'get going' against Carter

WASHINGTON. — Senator Edward Kennedy, eager to "get going" with his campaign for the presidency, is taking a major step toward challenging President Jimmy Carter with the formation of a campaign committee.

Stephen Smith, the senator's brother-in-law, summoned reporters to a former Cadillac automobile showroom near the White House for yesterday's announcement of the creation of the Kennedy for President Committee.

Establishment of the committee, which makes Kennedy a candidate in the eyes of federal election laws, is expected to be followed shortly by a formal declaration of candidacy by the Massachusetts senator.

"I'm tired of sowing around with this," Kennedy told reporters on Friday night on a flight across Massachusetts. "I want to get going."

Later an aide said Kennedy will announce his candidacy in Boston on November 7. Carter is to do so on December 4.

Kennedy's candidacy got a boost over the weekend when Chicago mayor Jane Byrne, who had hinted she would support the president, let

Canada drops embassy move

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Canadian Premier Joe Clark told the House of Commons yesterday that his government would drop its plans for moving the Canadian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem until the status of Jerusalem was clarified within a comprehensive settlement between Israel and its neighbours.

Clark said this move was based on the recommendation of his roving envoy, Robert Stanfield, who had just returned from the Middle East and tabled an interim report in the House.

Stanfield's report recommended that "no action be taken at this time" on the proposed embassy move because it could hinder progress toward peace, and Clark said his government would adopt this position.

During his campaign for the premiership earlier this year, Clark pledged that he would move the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem.

Kreisky predicts world recognition for PLO 'soon'

UNITED NATIONS. — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria predicted yesterday that all states will soon recognize that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the representative of the Palestinian people.

Once this recognition is accorded, the Palestinian side will have to acknowledge Israel as a reality, and Israel will have to recognize as legitimate the national rights of the Palestinians, he told the General Assembly.

Israel UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum, after listening to the speech, said, "The biased character of Dr. Kreisky's views on the Arab-Israeli conflict are well known. He manifested his partiality again today in referring to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as an exclusive achievement of President Sadat." (Reuter, AP)

Wall Street survives sit-in

NEW YORK (AP). — Police arrested more than 600 anti-nuclear protesters yesterday as they tried unsuccessfully to shut down the New York Stock Exchange on the 60th anniversary of the stock market crash of 1929.

The demonstrators, who numbered more than 1,000, sang and chanted as they sat in small circles on streets around the exchange, waiting for police officers to lift them onto stretchers and take them to vans for

Iran cabinet divided

TEHRAN (UPI). — Radical Islamic politician Kazem Sani resigned yesterday as Iran's health minister, citing a growing public discontent and distance between the people and the Islamic regime.

In Teheran, some 40 pro-government militants armed with knives and daggers attacked a student protest rally, leaving one youth

'Bonn brought in Mossad interrogator'

MUNICH. — An Israeli agent helped West German police interrogate four Palestinian Liberation Organization members jailed in Bavaria as suspected terrorists, State Premier Franz Josef Strauss claimed yesterday.

Appearing at a press conference a day after "Der Spiegel" news magazine revealed the case, Strauss claimed that Bavarian authorities had had nothing to do with bringing in the Israeli agent and he said the federal security agency BND was solely responsible.

"It is disgraceful how the federal government deals with Bavarian state jurisdiction," declared the conservative candidate for West German chancellor in the 1980 elections. "It is a scandal of the first degree," added Interior Minister Gerold Tandler. "The blame has been delibatorily shifted off on Bavarian authorities." Tandler said an Israeli agent, described as an interpreter, accompanied officials for interrogations of the four PLO suspects.

Tandler said the BND agents had revealed the Israeli's identity to a Bavarian security official shortly before the first interrogation, but the Bavarian had not passed on the information to his superiors because he assumed the federal agents had clearance.

Strauss declined to say whether more than one Israeli agent had been involved in the interrogations, say-

ing details would have to come from BND headquarters in Cologne.

In Bonn, chief federal government spokesman Klaus Boelling told reporters that the BND had brought in the Israeli agent and at the request of the Bavarian criminal office.

He said the help was given within a federal-state agreement on combating international terrorism, and the interrogations were aimed at discovering the PLO targets in West Germany.

Tandler said the suspects were questioned at prisons in Munich, Straubing, Landsberg and Amberg, and that a Bavarian police official was present at every session.

The PLO suspects were arrested last April 26 and 29 while entering West Germany, two with a carload of explosives.

Tandler said the suspects were neither physically abused, nor given drugs, nor shown photos of their relatives during the interrogations. He said the interrogations were carried out only after the suspects had asked to talk to West German secret servicemen.

The "Spiegel" report said one of the four suspects was allegedly blackmailed by Israeli agents into joining a plot to assassinate Abu Iyad, chief of the PLO secret service.

The Israelis allegedly threatened reprisals against the West Bank family of a man whose PLO codename was Mohammed Yousef un-

less he killed Abu Iyad by October 15, the magazine said.

Yousef was serving a three-month sentence for attempting to enter West Germany on a false passport. He was released in July, returned to Lebanon and eventually confessed his involvement in the plot to PLO leaders, the magazine said.

Earlier this month, he was found shot to death in his apartment in Beirut, and a note found with his body said he had committed suicide to save his family from Israeli reprisals, "Spiegel" said.

The PLO had protested to the West German embassy in Beirut, accusing the Israelis and West Germans of using drugs to break the will of the prisoners during interrogation.

"Spiegel" quoted the PLO's representative in Bonn as threatening terrorist actions in West Germany because of the Israeli involvement in the interrogations.

At the press conference, Bavarian Justice Minister Karl Hillmeier (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

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Jewish organizations in the U.S. have appealed through the Israel Embassy for the prime minister to do all he can to prevent Israeli criminals from reaching the U.S.

"We are afraid that the group of criminals, who have recently become completely lawless, will cause anti-Semitism which will harm us all," the appeal said.

A police headquarters in Jerusalem it was decided last week to take several more measures against what is called by American police the "Israeli mafia" on the West Coast.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir yesterday met with Don Jorge Rolo Lugo, governor of Hidalgo state, Mexico, and with the deputy commissioner of the Common Market-Heik Wredeling. French Ambassador Marc Bonnefou and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday attended the opening of the Ellen Djan gymnasium at the WIZO France High School, the first of four facilities to be inaugurated by French WIZO during a leadership group tour led by Gilberte Djan, president, and Janine Cohen, chairman. Last night, World WIZO president Rays Jaglom gave a reception for the group at her home. MK Menahem Savidov spoke to the gathering on Israel's internal and external problems. Five Nobel Prize laureates - Prof. Christian B. Anfinsen, Prof. David Baltimore, Prof. Sir Derek Barton, Prof. Manfred Eigen and Prof. Sir Bernard Katz - are among some 100 scientists and laymen from overseas who have arrived in Rehovot for the annual meeting of the Weizmann Institute's board of governors, chaired by Sir Marcus Slett, and other campus ceremonies. Weizmann Institute governors who have arrived from overseas also include Prof. R. Aron-Ernst, A. Eldner, M. Boukhalo, Prof. C. Chagny, N.D. Cohen, Prof. M. Cohn, Prof. S. Drell, A. Felberg, M. Feldman, Prof. H. Feinberg, Dr. J. Fins, M. Fierman, H. Gestetter, Prof. F. Groe, G. Hammer, Prof. H.S. Kaplan, J. Kay, D. Kleeman, P. Kleeman, M. Koffler, M. Laub, L. Levine, M. Levine, M. Levinson, C. Lubin, F. Mann, Hermann Mayer, J. Meyerhoff, R. Morrison, L. Parks, H. Perlman, I. Pollack, Dr. J. Pomeranc, Prof. A. Rich, Prof. J. Rose, Prof. A. Sahlin, Prof. M. Schwartz, B. Shine, D. Slett, Prof. M. Singer, A. Stone, Prof. S. Ulam, Lord Wolfenden, Sir Isaac Wolfson, J. Wormer, Dr. V. Wyler.

ARRIVALS. Rabbi Dr. Joseph Sternfeld, president, American Zionist Federation, and Jacques Tarcov, member of the Zionist Executive, to participate in meetings of the Jewish Agency's board of governors and Zionist Executive.

REFINERY. Japanese companies have signed a \$5b. yen (\$1.5b.) contract to build the biggest oil refinery in Iraq, Mubaihih Corporation said in Tokyo yesterday. It will be capable of handling 150,000 barrels a day of crude oil, and will be completed in 1983.

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Guaranteed Income Law passes first reading

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN. The proposed Guaranteed Income Law, which Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz presented to the Knesset last week passed its first reading last night. All opposition factions present voted for the bill, although their speakers had claimed in the debate that it was more show than substance. The bill provides for the payment of a monthly allowance to persons unable to support themselves. The maximum payment under the bill is 47.5 per cent of the average wage in the economy. This would go to a couple with two or more children, where the employment disability is protracted or permanent. Winding up the debate, Katz said that one of the bill's innovations was that financial assistance would be conditional on the applicant's reporting regularly at the labour exchange and his readiness to accept any job suited to his qualifications. Katz dismissed as a "black prophecy" the argument that the bill would serve as a deterrent to working. In 10 localities where the bill's provisions had been tried experimentally, Katz said, duplication had been ended and unjustified payments running into millions of pounds a year had been stopped. Katz said that the number of families on welfare had fallen in the past three years from 27,000 to 13,500. Answering criticism in the debate of the government's failure so far to submit a minimum wage bill to the Knesset, Katz said that he would present such a bill for its first reading within a month. The universal pension bill would be submitted soon, he added. Typical of the Alignment's stand on the bill was the speech of Jacques Amir, who dubbed it a "cosmetic treatment" of the problem. The bill simply gives another name to the network of activities imposed on the ministry by existing laws, creating the impression that social progress is being made, he said. But Amir voted for the bill, together with his Alignment colleagues and Mordechai Virshubski, the only Shal deputy in the chamber. No other opposition parties were present for the vote.

Bill would make builders demolish illegal structures

Post Knesset Reporter. The owner of an illegally erected building could be ordered to demolish it himself or be jailed if he fails to do so, under a bill that passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. The bill was initiated by Shlomo Hillel (Alignment), who explained the local planning commission often hesitate to implement court orders calling for the demolition of illegal structures because of fear of violence. His bill authorizes the court that issues the original order to impose its execution on the building owner, if it is so requested by the local planning authority, the district planning authority, or the attorney-general. If the owner fails to carry out such an order, the court - again at the request of one of those three bodies - "shall order" the owner's arrest until the structure is demolished. Speakers in the debate made the following points: Benion Rubin (National Religious Party): Execution of demolition orders should be imposed on the owner to begin with, and not on the planning commission. Requests for imprisonment should be made only in exceptional cases, but they decided should be made where the illegal building has been done on public land. Mordechai Virshubski (Shal): Tens of thousands of demolition orders are gathering dust in the desks of local authority officials. The Interior Ministry has acquiesced in the present grave state of affairs, which can be expected to grow even worse in the absence of an active interior minister. Moshe Shamir (Tehiya-Banal): There is also a political problem involved here: the systematic encroachment on state lands by Arab villagers, and the inability of the government to stop this. The bill evades this problem instead of grappling with it. Gussay Radlan (Likud-Liberals): The entire Planning and Building Law should be revised, making it more lenient with respect to insignificant additions to a building, and making serious violations punishable by jail terms as soon as the illegal construction begins, and not years later. David Stern (Likud-Herut): The not the change in the implementation of the main provisions of the planning and Building Law, which required district outline plans to be approved by 1970, and local authorities outline plans by 1968. The government should submit a new law suited to the current vision and development of Israel.

Heated session seen today as Knesset airs abortions

By ASHER WALLFISH. Sparks are sure to fly in the Knesset this afternoon over the government's controversial amendment to the Abortion Law, which was demanded by Agudat Israel as one of many conditions for entering Prime Minister Menahem Begin's coalition two years ago. The first reading of the amendment has been scheduled for this afternoon, but the vote will not be held today - at the demand of the Alignment which has about eight MKs abroad. When the vote is eventually held, perhaps next week, there will be trouble inside the coalition between the Aguda and the Liberal wing of the Likud, because of the sizeable number of Liberal members expected to vanish before the count is taken. Aguda faction chairman Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz told The Jerusalem Post that the amendment - which will withdraw the facility to permit abortions on what are popularly called "social grounds" - should have come up soon after the coalition was formed. He said it had been postponed several times. Lorincz dismissed complaints by some Likud men that it was "untimely" to discuss the Abortion Law now because of the turmoil over the cabinet reshuffle and Eilon Moreh. In what sounded like a threat that the Aguda could easily rock Begin's coalition, he said, "The passage of the Abortion Law as promised would contribute to the stability of the coalition. It would help this government function better. We want this government to stay in office for its full term." Lorincz told The Post that those disadvantaged families who would be unable to afford a legal abortion once the law was amended would be able to get financial aid to bring up the extra child from "a multi-million-dollar fund which Agudat Yisrael plans to organize with the help of sympathizers abroad." As things stand now, about half of the Liberal wing of the Likud say they will not support the amended Abortion Law. The last time the Liberals discussed the issue, Finance Minister (and party boss) Ehrlieh told the MKs: "It's a matter for each one's personal conscience." Ehrlieh said then that the promise to the Aguda to restrict the freedom of abortions was not contained in the body of the coalition agreement - as was the change in conscription of girls for military service - which was why it was never submitted for approval to the Liberal Party Central Committee. The promise to the Aguda, he noted, came in the form of a letter which obligated those who signed it, such as himself, Likud chairman Avraham Shari, back-bencher Menahem Savidov, and cabinet ministers. "Just because I sold my conscience that doesn't mean you all have to sell yours," Ehrlieh had then told the MKs. The Aguda has been under heavy pressure from the Council of Torah Sages to get the government to deliver on its promise to amend the Abortion Law. But it is not clear whether the Aguda will walk out if the amendment is voted down.

Surgery to bench Malmillian for months

By PAUL KOHN. Malmillian and Mily, mean a serious weakening of the Jerusalem Betar attack. Danny Neuman of Jerusalem Betar will replace Malmillian in the Israeli team against Holland in the last of the Olympic qualifying matches in BeerSheva tomorrow. Also likely to miss this game are Yitzhak Shum, Haim-Bar, Yehuda Katzav, Vicky Peretz and Gideon Damti, because of disciplinary measures, injuries or illness. The Dutch Olympic contingent arrived here last night with 16 players and will field the same side that lost 4-3 to Israel in Holland earlier this month.

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Army desertions, offences by women soldiers increase

By DAVID RICHARDSON. The number of soldiers deserting from military service has been growing since 1973. This was revealed yesterday by Tel Aviv to mark Military Police Day this week. Arbel noted that avoidance of military service was becoming more acceptable among certain sections of the population. He mentioned in particular people whose parents had been excused from military service because of absorption problems and who did not provide their children with any positive incentive in this direction. Among the deserters there are also a significant number of foreign volunteers from countries such as South Africa, England and Canada, who desert during their service and leave the country on their foreign passports. The number of soldiers who go absent without leave for short periods is about 15,000, he noted. Referring to the military prisons, Arbel mentioned that the past two years had seen a disturbing upward in the number of women soldiers imprisoned. Last year's total was nearly 1,000. He attributed the increase, in part, to the fact that the army was being forced to draft women whom it would normally turn down because many others were exempted on declaring themselves observant. In all, there are some 1,500 soldiers in military prisons each year, serving terms of up to 18 months. (Soldiers who are sentenced to longer terms of imprisonment are usually transferred to the civilian jails.) This does not include soldiers who are held in regimental or command detention barracks. While the military police cannot say definitely that the use of drugs in the army and the military prisons has declined, the number of arrests for drug offences has increased. Generally, the drugs involved are "soft" and the army is almost entirely free of drug trafficking or drug addiction. A large part of military police resources is devoted to combating road accidents. Road deaths kill some 100 soldiers every year, although not all of these accidents involve army vehicles. The figure is proportionally higher than in the civilian sector, and Arbel emphasized that the relative inexperience of the young army drivers was part of the explanation. The military police will shortly add additional motorcycles to those it already has in service, and will form the largest motorcycle patrol force in the country. The army also hires civilian cars to conduct traffic campaigns. Coupled with radar traps, spot checks, speedy judgments and relatively severe penalties (such as impounding the vehicle for a week), these are fairly effective deterrents. Referring to the recent case in which soldiers allegedly stole weapons from an Ordnance Corps store in the Sinai and sold them to Arab arms dealers in the Wadi Ara region, Arbel disclosed that in the past two years there have been about 10 similar cases. Charges were brought yesterday against the five reservists involved in the latest episode. The investigative arm of the military police is also checking whether there was any negligence on the part of officers in command of the base at the time. Arbel stressed that in view of the tremendous number of weapons in the country and the recent policy of the chief of staff to encourage soldiers to carry weapons at all times, the theft of arms and ammunition was not totally unexpected - although this did not diminish the seriousness with which the army regards the offence. "Almost one weapon a day is lost by soldiers in training or other circumstances," he said. "The army is like the society from which it is drawn," he said. Consequently there is a new phenomenon of extension sessions aimed at wardens in military prisons or regimental sergeant-major responsible for discipline. Arbel warned that energetic steps should be taken by the defence establishment to stamp out fraud and other financial and property crime now that the army has begun its redeployment in the Negev. He recalled that after the 1967 war many people had been attracted by the opportunity to make "easy money."



Bessie, a police dog trained to sniff out explosives, seems to be momentarily sidetracked by another alluring scent. Bessie was called in to the French Hill supermarket in Jerusalem yesterday when the manager suspected that a bomb might have been planted there. Nothing was found. (Esharar, Zoom 77)



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Dayan: Palestinian state not feasible

By SEAYA SHAPIRO. Former foreign minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that Israel should not deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization, "even if it were not a terrorist organization, because the PLO offers no solution to the refugee problem." Speaking to the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, where he was visiting the but and grave of David Ben-Gurion, Dayan said that his solution for Palestinians living outside of former Palestine lies in the states where they live today - Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Kuwait. "It may not fulfill their aspirations," he said, "but neither can we hope to fulfill all our aims. This is, however, the only pragmatic solution." Establishing a Palestinian state in the West Bank is not feasible, Dayan argued. "The natural trend of the population is to leave the area. Fifteen thousand Gaza youths study at present in Egypt. They are not likely to find jobs on returning to their place of birth and would therefore try to find employment in the Arab countries," Dayan said. If refugees from neighbouring countries were allowed to gather in the West Bank, they would be able to survive only on foreign aid "until they tried to force their way into Israel," he said. The practical mode of life Dayan envisages for the West Bank is of co-existence between resident Arabs and the Jews. "We are not foreigners in the holy land," Dayan stated. He could not accept the notion that Jews would be barred from living and acquiring property in the West Bank. But new settlements must not dislodge people who have a legitimate right to the land - unless they want to sell it. "Why should a landlord in Nablus not be able to sell a house - not that I would care to acquire one," Dayan said. The legacy of Ben-Gurion, Dayan said, was to seek a pragmatic solution to a problem "by taking an initiative." Some 90 per cent of the autonomy ideas envisaged by the Camp David agreement can be implemented without involving the U.S. or the Egyptians, Dayan added. The board of governors is scheduled to visit the "Hazerim" airbase tomorrow and to dedicate the Alain Poirer Chair in Desert Research on Thursday. Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, addressing the opening session of the board of governors meeting in the evening, said Israel needs "time, not pressure," to reach a modus vivendi with its Arab neighbours. "The main danger facing Israel today," Sharon said, "is not economic or social problems, but the lack of clear national goals and values. The last government was replaced because of this, and the present government will also be replaced because of this. We must find feasible spiritual and cultural goals to direct us."

Weizman tells Habib: Israel to support Haddad as long as Syria aids PLO

By HIRSH GOODMAN. Israel wants peace and stability in Lebanon at least as much as the U.S. does, but it will continue to support the Christian militia forces of Maj. Saad Haddad as long as the Syrians actively support the Palestine Liberation Organization there. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman reportedly told U.S. special envoy Philip Habib yesterday. Yesterday was Habib's second day in Israel after visits to Beirut, Amman and Damascus. On Sunday he met with Prime Minister Begin. Habib and Weizman met twice yesterday - once early in the morning and again last night at the home of U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. Habib reportedly said the U.S. was afraid of an escalation in conflict between Israel and Syria. Israel has so far downed nine Syrian planes in "fights over Lebanon. Weizman replied that Israeli reconnaissance activity over Lebanon is crucial in the fight against terrorism. Weizman told Habib that Israel considers the UN responsible for keeping peace in Southern Lebanon, and that Israel is extending maximum cooperation to ensure that they achieve their goal. The U.S. has been attempting to strengthen a fragile five-week ceasefire in Southern Lebanon. But yesterday afternoon heavy fighting erupted there after two terrorist attacks on Christian villages. At 6 p.m. Kila and Tel Lubiya were hit with machinegun and mortar fire from the Beaufort Castle stronghold, and half an hour later Katyusha, artillery and mortar fire from the direction of Nabatiya fell on Marjayoun, Kila and Deir Mimas. Militia forces under Maj. Haddad returned the fire. By 7 p.m. the area was tense but quiet. There were no reported casualties. Earlier in the day a villager from Talba was killed when his tractor hit a land mine apparently planted during the night by terrorists who had infiltrated UNIFIL lines.

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(Continued from page 1) announced that the Munich prosecutor had launched an investigation against unknown persons in the alleged conspiracy to murder Abu Iyad. Hillermeier gave no details of the inquiry, and Bavarian and federal government officials did not comment on the PLO allegation that Israeli agents had forced one of the Palestinians to plan the abortive assassination. Tandler claimed that neither he nor Hillermeier had been informed of the plan to bring in an Israeli agent for the interrogations. He said federal Interior Minister Gerhart Baum had called him last week and said, "A stupid and terrible thing, a dangerous breakdown has occurred." Baum told him that BND agents had questioned PLO suspects and the interpreter "unfortunately had the error of being an employee of the Israeli secret service." Boelling, spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government, disputed the Bavarian government version of the affair. The BND takes its orders from the chancellery. Government sources in Bonn said the PLO members were suspected of planning to assassinate Heinz Knaack, chairman of the Jewish community in West Berlin, and stage an explosives attack on an El Al airliner at a West German airport.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our dear ESTHER DOUEK

The funeral took place in Haifa on Sunday, October 28, 1979. Deeply mourned by Her husband, Aaron Douek, Her sons, daughters, and the family.

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a kind and unforgettable gentleman. Max Kramer, Managing Director, Management and staff.

Moda'i fails to slip price hike past c'tee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee was up in arms yesterday over an attempt by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i to discuss a rise in electricity rates in the Knesset body before it had been discussed by the Ministerial Economic Committee.

Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) was warned in time by Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Gideon Papp, and the surprised chairman announced as the committee meeting began that the electricity rates would not be discussed until the ministers had considered them, according to accepted procedure.

Moda'i's proposal was to increase the rates by about 44 per cent. This would include a rise of 38.3 agorot per kilowatt hour for all energy consumption, following the increase in fuel prices last week, and a rise of 30 agorot per kilowatt hour for all energy consumption to help defray the electric company's cumulative deficit, which is now about IL1.4b.

According to Moda'i's calculations, the rise in electricity cost will bring the consumer price index up another 1.5 per cent.

Instead of discussing the price hike, the Finance Committee heard a general outline of the company's state and the components of its deficit.

U.S. Jewry still not backing Begin's plan to cut 'dropouts'

By JUDY SEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

American Jewish organizational leaders told Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday that they are not all ready to accept his compromise aimed at reducing the number of Russian Jewish "dropouts."

Representatives of various U.S. Jewish communities, HIAS, the Joint Distribution Committee, fundraising organizations and the Jewish Agency told Begin in a meeting at his office that there is "progress" in winning approval for the compromise. In June, following the Jewish Agency assembly, the premier had proposed that only those Russian emigrants with "primary relatives" (a spouse, children or parents) in the U.S. would be helped by HIAS and JDC to reach the West. All others, according to Begin's suggestion, would either have to fend for themselves or come to Israel.

Only about half a dozen of the communities asked have agreed to go along with the proposal. The premier's guests promised to report to him again in a few weeks.

Last month's dropout rate in Vienna of Russian Jews — those who decide not to come to Israel — was nearly 70 per cent.

All of those at the meeting agreed with the twin principles to "maximize the number of Soviet Jews leaving the Soviet Union, and maximize the number of Soviet Jews who settle in Israel."

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin, who has called for an end to assistance to dropouts — but agreed, because he had no alternative, to support the compromise — stated that he will try to convince more communities to approve the proposal.

War crime defendant shrugs, says, 'I gave it no thought'

COLOGNE (AP). — The deportation to Nazi death camps of 25,000 French Jews in 1942 was recalled in court here yesterday, the third day of the trial of three former Gestapo officials in Nazi-occupied Paris.

"I gave it no thought at the time, but today I think the same way you do," replied Ernst Heinrichsohn when asked by prosecutor Serge Klarsfeld of Paris why those deported had always been Jews.

Heinrichsohn, 68, a lawyer and mayor of the small north Bavarian town of Buerstadt, said his part in Paris was that of an office messenger and document bearer.

He stands trial with Kurt Lischka, his former boss and chief of the Cologne Gestapo, and Joseph Dagnas, chief of the Paris Gestapo, and Herbert Hagen, chief of the Gestapo in the region along the French Atlantic coastline.

All three are accused of having been responsible for the deportation to death camps of 73,000 Jews from wartime France.

Heinrichsohn reiterated that he thought the 73,000 Jews were sent to labour camps.

"It was being said they (the victims) were being sent to work. Boots and tools were sent along with them," Heinrichsohn said. He admitted his testimony appeared dubious now, but that was how he thought at the time, he said.

Heinrichsohn repeatedly shrugged his shoulders, shook his head and said he could not remember whenever the prosecutor confronted him with documents from his wartime Paris office about the deportation of 25,000 Jews, mostly 16 to 60 year olds, packed up in the vicinity of the airport, and sent by train to the rail transports in August 1942 including 323 girls and 207 boys under the age of 16.

The trial was scheduled to continue today.

U.S. satellite could crash in Israel

TEL AVIV (Him). — Pegasus 2, the U.S. space satellite due to return to Earth next week, could crash in southern Israel, a NASA official told Gafel Zahal, the army radio station, yesterday.

Bill Pomeroy of NASA's Washington headquarters told the radio science magazine programme that Pegasus was due to re-enter the atmosphere on November 4, on a flight path that would take it within an area 21 degrees north or south of the equator. "The satellite will pass over Israel, south of Tel Aviv," Pomeroy said.

Pegasus was sent into the atmosphere in 1965 and since then has sent back information on meteorites and their influence on space satellites.

NASA officials think the 21-metre-long, 10-ton satellite will break up into some 25 pieces on re-entry. The fragments may weigh between 10 and 120 kilograms and will be scattered over a 200-km-wide belt stretching for some 3,500 metres.

The chances of anyone being hurt by a piece of Pegasus are smaller, say space officials, than was the case with Skylab, which returned to earth this summer.

Pegasus, unlike Skylab, cannot be controlled from Earth; the most space officials can do is monitor its progress and send a special alert when its final landing place becomes obvious.

The sister satellites Pegasus 1 and 3 have already returned to Earth unharmed, and harmlessly, without anyone being aware of where they fell.

Six-week strike ends at E. Plem hotel

By IAN BLACK, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The St. Georges Hotel in East Jerusalem will return to normal operation in the next few days following a six-week dispute between staff and management that ended in the dismissal of 20 of its 120 workers.

The strike, one of the longest in East Jerusalem, began when the West Bank broke on September 19 over wage and other demands by employees, some of whom are members of the East Jerusalem Union of Hotel and Restaurant Workers.

Throughout the strike, which caused travel agents to cancel previous reservations, the management refused to negotiate with the union, which it said was illegal. Temporary workers kept hotel services running on a skeleton basis.

Manager Fehi al-Qutub told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he believed his employees were "incited by the illegal union to make unfair demands" for 100 per cent wage increases and free transport to and from work.

Al-Qutub intimated that communists were involved in organizing the strike, although he declined to say that they were "specifically responsible." He said he believed these were the "same people" behind a three-week strike that seriously weakened the East Jerusalem Electricity Company in July, which ended after the intervention of the Joint Jordanian-PLO committee in Amman.

The manager denied that any such mediation had been involved in settling the hotel strike. He said that most of the workers had come to realize that the management would not give way and deal with the union. Twenty "trouble-makers," he said, had been fired; and the others had agreed to stop union activities.

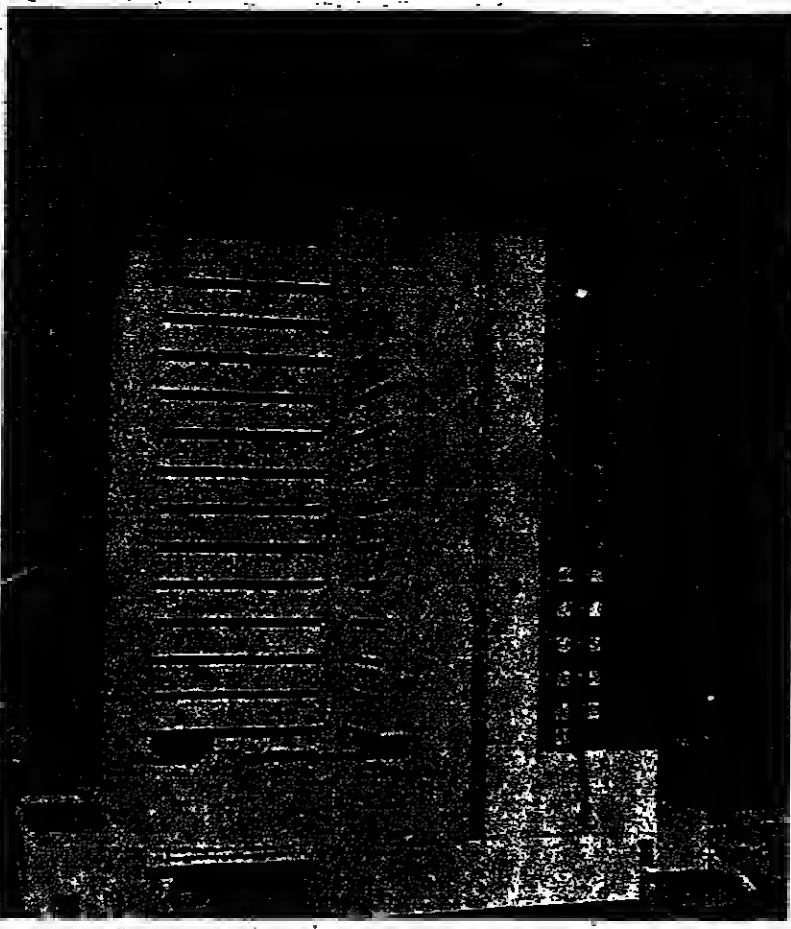
Ford Foundation to aid Rehovot fertility work

REHOVOT. — The Ford Foundation has awarded a grant of \$250,000 to the Weizmann Institute of Science to support an interdisciplinary research programme on the physiological basis of fertility regulation. The research will be carried out under the direction of Prof. Hans Lladner, head of the institute's hormone research department.

The Rockefeller Foundation has agreed to match the Ford Foundation grant with a similar award of \$250,000.

DRUGS. — Belgian police have arrested a woman who says she is the wife of Agbanlsten's ambassador in India after finding a large quantity of hashish in her luggage at Brussels airport.

Belgian foreign ministry said yesterday.



The Technion's Bruce Rappaport Medical Sciences Building, designed by architect Ariel Friedberger and located next to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, is to be dedicated today.

Court clears way for today's medical building dedication

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — District Court Judge Elieser Bar yesterday afternoon dismissed a petition for an injunction against the dedication ceremony of the Technion's Bruce Rappaport Medical Sciences Building, which is to take place in the presence of the prime minister this morning.

The attorney for the applicant, Dr. Dan Khoushy, agreed to withdraw his petition after it became clear during the special hearing that the Technion's Faculty of Medicine would not move into the building today. The Technion agreed to give him 30 days' prior notice before the faculty moves in.

Khoushy applied last year to the District Court to order the Technion to restore his father's name to the faculty, which had been founded as the Abba Khoushy Faculty of Medicine but had been a driving force in its establishment. The case is still pending, and the municipality has joined the case as a co-applicant.

During yesterday's hearing, Technion president Amos Horev and former dean of the faculty Prof. David Erik testified that Bruce (Baruch) Rappaport had not made his \$8m. donation for the building conditional on the faculty being named for him. He had asked for that, but Horev had made it "perfectly clear" to him that no Technion faculty bore a private name and that none would. Rappaport in fact had been under the impression that the faculty would be in Khoushy's name, Horev said.

Rappaport had also pledged an additional \$1m. a year for the next 25 years for medical research.

The new building, which is next to Rambam Hospital, has 18 floors, with 30,000 sq. m. of floor space. It will house the Faculty of Medicine, a self-study centre and a large medical research centre, which is to attract researchers from Israel and abroad. Several dozen have already applied for acceptance.

The dean of the faculty, Dr. David Barzilai, told a press conference at the centre yesterday that the faculty, founded in 1969 when it accepted students only for the final three years of study, today has 417 students in all courses and supervises the work of 200 interns in hospitals throughout the North.

At today's ceremony, when Rappaport is to be awarded an honorary Technion degree, the first class of graduates who took the complete course in the faculty will be awarded their M.D. degrees. This year, the faculty has accepted 65 freshmen.

Rappaport is a Haifa-born lawyer who now lives in Geneva.

Ex-No. 1 player wins Avis tennis meet

By JACK LEON, Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rafi Gorney, 53, who was Israel's No. 1 tennis player three decades ago, yesterday won the second annual Avis Tennis Cup Championships for tourism personnel at the Country Club courts here.

Gorney, of Travel Time, Tel Aviv, and Super Travel, Beverly Hills, defeated Tel Aviv-Sheraton barman Barry Davines, 27, 6-3, 6-4 in the final, coming back from 0-3 in the second set.

Nearly 70 competitors took part in the men-only meet, which has been played over the past fortnight under the sponsorship of the Avis car rental branch in Israel.

In the weekend semi-finals, the durable Gorney beat El Al pilot Rafi Eidad 6-2, 6-2. Davines came through 5-4, 3-6, 6-4 against Ezra Gazit, a lifeguard at the Daniel Tower Sonesta Hotel, Herzliya.

Tournament manager was the Country Club's chief coach Arye Avidan, who in 1949 was Gorney's (then Gornitaky) Davis Cup teammate against Denmark in Copenhagen, when Israel made its debut in the competition.

Two jailed for hiding escaped convict

TEL AVIV (Him). — Prison terms were meted out yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court to a couple who hid the escaped convict Gavriel Buzaglo after he broke out of Ramle Prison earlier this year.

Shlomo Levy, 29, of Ramat Gan, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, and his wife Ayelet got a three-month term.

Levy's lawyer pleaded that his client's life was now in danger and that in prison he would be liable to attack from those involved in the jail break, which was among the most sensational in Israel's history. Buzaglo, after eluding police pursuit following his escape with seven other convicts, was finally caught in the home of Ayelet Levy, who had then been engaged to marry Levy. He was the last of the escapees to be reapprehended.

Chief Magistrate Haim Shapira, passing sentence, ordered the Prison Service alerted to the Levys' special situation.

RADASSAH. — The Women's Zionist Organization of America last week gave Youth Aliya a grant of \$450,000 to establish a pedagogical centre, with 25 satellite units located throughout Israel, to assist educators of disadvantaged adolescents.



Phoenix Jewish lawyer slain in Riverdale robbery

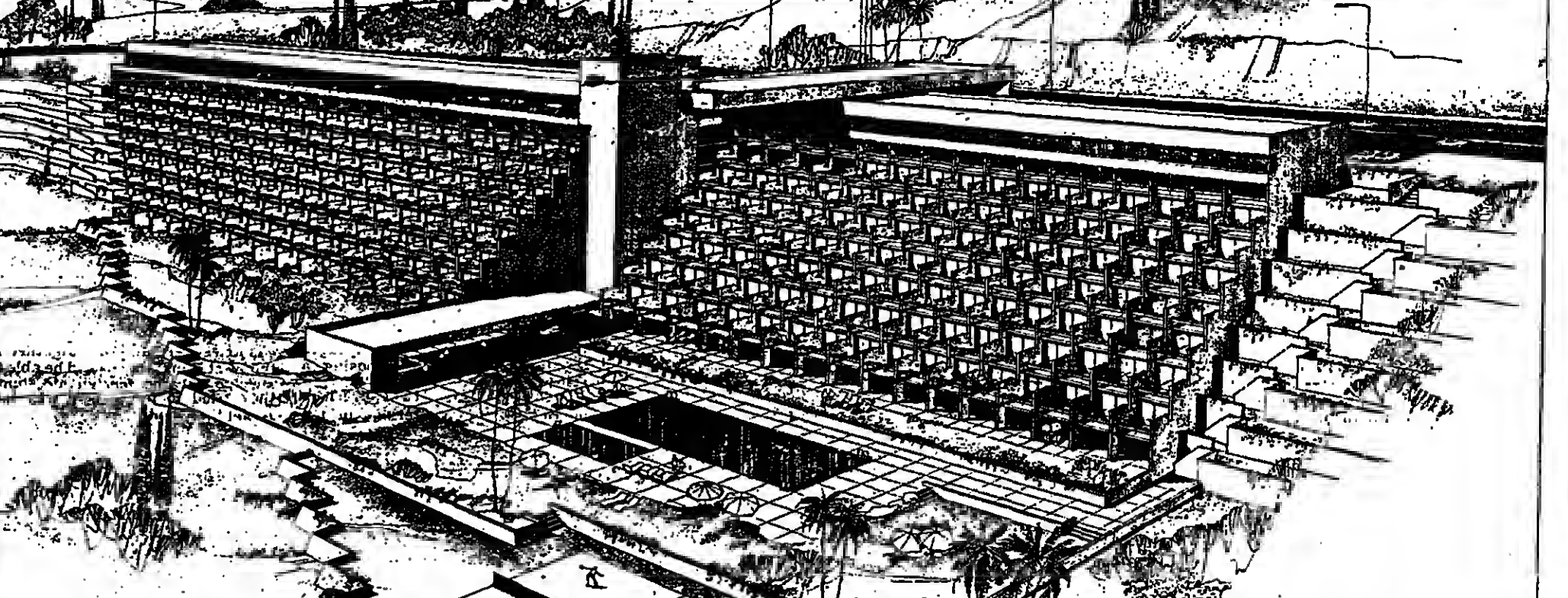
NEW YORK (JTA). — Herbert Finn, a prominent Phoenix civil rights attorney who was about to lead a peace mission from his city to Egypt and Israel, was shot to death during a robbery in the Riverdale section of the Bronx early Saturday.

The 60-year-old Finn was shot once in the chest as he was waiting in his brother's automobile with his wife and sister-in-law. His brother, David Finn, a partner in the public relations firm of Ruder and Finn, was escorting his daughter to her apartment at the time.

Herbert Finn and his wife Ruth were in New York before joining 26 other members of the Phoenix Jewish Federation on a visit to Cairo as part of the Arizona city's first community peace mission. The group was then to go to Israel, where they would join others in a United Jewish Appeal fact-finding mission. Finn was to issue a report to Phoenix officials on his return.

Finn was a nephew of Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, former chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

EXPENSES. — Reimbursable expenses for civil servants have been raised, a Civil Service Commission spokesman announced yesterday. Henceforth civil servants can be reimbursed for breakfasts costing up to IL40, lunches up to IL14, dinners up to IL50, and up to IL50 for late night suppers.



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Speech started in German Giscard vows French committed to W. Berlin

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the first French head of state to visit divided Berlin, yesterday pledged France's deep commitment to the city.

After the military parade, the president had a glimpse of the wall which has divided East and West Berlin since 1961 when he visited the memorial of an East Berliner killed while attempting to cross from East Berlin to the West six days after the wall was built.



French President Giscard d'Estaing stands at a memorial for an East German who died jumping from a house after the Berlin Wall was built in 1961. Giscard came to West Berlin for a day's visit.

After two years of talks How to prevent the theft of nuclear material resolved

VIENNA (Reuters). — Experts from 58 countries have concluded lengthy negotiations on an international convention aimed at preventing the theft of nuclear material by terrorists.

After more than two years of negotiations, the experts finished work on a draft text of a Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), which will be sent back to governments for final approval.

Pomp, bloody circumstance greet Hua at London Tower

LONDON (AP). — Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng gazed intently at Britain's crown jewels yesterday and had a piece of the country's bloody history outlined to him before heading into talks on trade and world affairs with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The tower at the beginning of his six-day visit. However, it is among the many products Britain wants to sell the Chinese under a six-year, \$14-billion economic cooperation agreement signed earlier this year.

Basques deny murdering Socialist

BILBAO, Spain (Reuters). — The Basque separatist organization ETA yesterday denied murdering a Socialist Party worker and accused Spain's main trade unions of starting an anti-ETA campaign.

Watson presents credentials in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP). — Thomas Watson Jr., the former IBM chief, officially became the 16th U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union yesterday when he presented his credentials to Vladimir Kuznetsov, first deputy chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Malcolm Toon, warned the Soviets against seeking superiority in arms. Watson's appointment has aroused concern in the diplomatic community — from Toon in particular — because this is the new ambassador's first diplomatic assignment.

Soviet diplomat scores U.S. role in Indian Ocean

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — The Soviet ambassador to India said yesterday his government would press the U.S. for an early resumption of bilateral talks on limiting military activity in the Indian Ocean.

Greek captain held in sea collision

ISTANBUL (Reuters). — The captain of the Greek freighter Soula-K has been detained on suspicion that he is responsible for a collision with a Yugoslav freighter in the Marmara Sea on October 18, police sources said yesterday.

vessel, which was barred from leaving Istanbul. A Soviet vessel was at first reported to have picked up the crew of the 2,800-ton Yugoslav freighter Kaprije after a collision with an unnamed Greek vessel in thick fog.

Thousands of mourners N. Korea notes political crisis in Park's slaying

SEOUL. — Hundreds of thousands of mourners stood in lines nearly two kilometers long yesterday to pay final respects to President Park Chung Hee, assassinated last week by the South Korean CIA chief in the reported culmination of a bitter feud.

spokesman said: "Despite the death of President Park, the people are maintaining calm and composure... thanks to the firm defence posture of martial law authorities." Sources close to the meeting said those present included Choi, martial law commander Gen. Chung Seung Hwa, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Kim Jong Hwan.

The U.S. ordered two early warning aircraft to South Korea and an aircraft carrier task force closer to the peninsula to discourage North Korea from taking advantage of its crippled southern neighbour.

Officials in Seoul said that by the end of the 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. 600,000 mourners, more than 1,000 ranking government officials, parliamentarians and judiciary leaders and other dignitaries had entered the presidential mansion where Park's body lay in a lacquered coffin.

Philippines grenade hurts 32 in crowd

MANILA (UPI). — An unidentified man lobbed a grenade into a crowd waiting for a bus in a busy southern Philippine airport city on Saturday, injuring 32 persons, 10 of them seriously, military officials said yesterday.

Mock turtle, the stuff the customs stopped

LONDON (AP). — Paul Henry was in trouble at London's Heathrow Airport when he arrived from the Seychelles yesterday with a metre-long turtle, a present for his mother. Customs officials impounded the turtle, saying he couldn't bring it into the country as it was an "endangered species."

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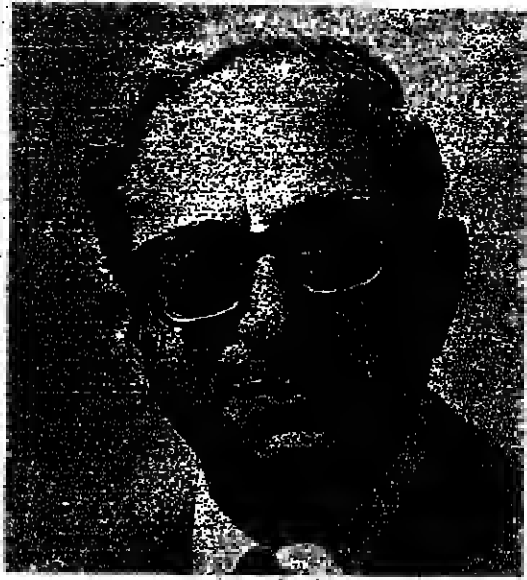
(Rubinstein) 10.05 Radio story, 10.15 Elementary school broadcasts, 10.25 Lesson in spoken Arabic, 10.40 Education for All, 11.15 Elementary school broadcasts, 11.25 Treasures of Jewish communities in Israel, 12.05 (stereo): Artists' Parade — Amy Bar-On, flute; Sara Fuxon-Hayman, piano — Bach: Sonata No. 5; Hindemith: Sonata; Schubert: Variations, Op. 160; Botza: Images, 13.00 (stereo): Tunes from Muzetals, Operas and Films, 14.18 Children's programmes, 15.25 Magazine on entertainment and the arts, 15.05 Notes on a new book, 16.85 (stereo): Rosenmuller: Orchestra Suite; Schubert: 5 Songs (Richard Sandall); Haydn: String Quartet, Op. 77, No. 3 (Azzolini); Paganini: Sonatas for Violin & Guitar; Chopin: Sonata No. 3 (Pnina Salzman), 17.45 Programmes for Olim, 18.30 (stereo): Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini conducting — Mostly Bach — Suite: Sutta No. 3; Telemann: Concerto for 2 Violins; De Lalande: From the Depth Dralorio, 22.00 Radio Drama, 23.00 (stereo): Music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, 24.00 (stereo): Music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, 25.00 (stereo): Music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, 26.00 (stereo): Music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, 27.00 This Morning — news magazine, 28.00 Good Morning — songs, chat, 12.00 Productive Pace — programme for workers and employers, 13.05 Middy — news commentary, music, 14.10 Around the world with songs, 14.55 Senhardt songs, 15.05 Weekly House, 16.15 Weekly religion magazine, 16.35 Sports magazine, 16.45 Elbit Reading — Joshua II, 16.50 Today — people and events in the news, 20.18 Literary magazine, 21.05 Cantorial music, 22.00 10th anniversary of Carmel (repeated), 23.05 Two by Two — marriage counselling, Army, 6.30 University on the air — Dr. Zvi Baehrach lectures on 20th century ideologies: Communism, Fascism, Nazism, 7.07 "707" — Alex Anski presents selections of music and items from the morning newspapers, 8.55 IDF morning newswire, 9.05 Israel Morning — music, talks and skills with Eli Yisraeli, 11.05 Favorites — familiar tunes, songs and skits, 12.05 With Love — special regards, 13.05 Have a Good Time — Billboard of entertainment programmes, interviews and reviews, 14.18 Ten time in Coffee Country — Brazilian music, 17.05 IDF evening newswire, 18.05 Press conference, 19.00 Rock music of the '70s

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CINEMAS JERUSALEM, 4, 7, 8, Eden: Rocky II; Moments, 4, 6.45, 9; Mitchell: The Champ, 6.45, 8; Weds. also at 4; 6:30: The Price of Fear; Orfan: The Main Event, 4, 6.45, 9; Orfan: The In-Laws; Rom: The Deer Hunter, 4, 8; Semadar: Shampoo, 7, 9.15; Small Auditorium Blyanad Ha'omot: A Wedding, 6.45; Cinema 1: Seven Beauties, 7, 9.15, TEL AVIV, 4.30, 7.15, 8.30, Alkoby: The Champ; Ben-Yehuda: The In-Laws; Ches: Filo on Voyou; Cinema One: Texas Editor; Cinema Two: American Graffiti; Dake: The China Syndrome, 7, 9.30; Drive-In Cinema: Escape To Athens, 5.30; Cinema, 7.30, 9.30; Esther: Et la Terre s'écroula... Bordel; Gost: A Simple Story; Gerdov: Lost and Found; Hod: The Killer Fish; Lerner: The Glass Menagerie; Maudslayi: The Frisco Kid; Megrabi: The Deer Hunter, 4, 6.30; Monday 8.30 only; Ophir: Five Days from Home; Ophir: The Children of Sanchez; Paris: L'Une Chante et l'Autre Pas, 10, 12, 2.15, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Peeri: The Main Event; Ramat Aviv: The Other Side of Midnight, 8, 9; Royal: French Governments, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; Shaluf: The Magician of Lublin, 4.30, 7, 9.30; Stalla: Wife and Sons; Tchebet: Days of Heaven; Tel Aviv: Rocky II; Tel Aviv Museum: The Marriage of Maria Braun; Zohar: Moments, HAIFA, 4, 6.45, 9, Amphibious: Avalanche; Arnan: They Called Him Bulldozer; Atman: The Main Event; Ches: Filo on Voyou; Galor: Cowboy, 18, 2, 7; Stacey, 12, 4, 8; Shron: Julia and her Men; Mardak: A Different Story; Ophir: Moments; Orfan: The Goodbye Girl, 4, 7, 9; Orfan: Enter the Dragon; Ophir: The Deer Hunter, 8; Peeri: The Champ, 4, 6.30, 9; Rose: Don't Sigh my Baby; Shavit: Wife and Sons, 6.45, 9, RAMAT GAN, 7.15, 9.30, Arnan: Filo on Voyou, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Esther: The Dog; Lily: The Frisco Kid; Ophir: International Velvet, 4, 7, 9.30; Orfan: The Magician of Lublin, 4, 7, 9; Ramat Three Days of the Condor, 7.15, 9.30; Mon. and Wed. only, 4.30; Rannat Gost: Lost and Found, 6.45, 9, HEBELVA, David: The Champ, 4, 7, 9.30; Tchebet: Midnight Express, 7.15, 9.30, HOZON, Mijdal: Moonraker, 7.15, 9.30, NETANYA, Esther: The Magician of Lublin, 4, 7, 9.15, PETAH TIKVA, Salsola: The Magician of Lublin, 7.15, 9.30; Thursday 9.30 only, 7.15, 9.30

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To the Participants in the President's Mission of the United Jewish Appeal, I extend a most cordial welcome.

You will be looking about you and seeing not only what has been accomplished with your aid in the past, but what needs to be done now.

You will find underprivileged neighborhoods and communities to whose help you have committed yourselves.

You will find thousands of newcomers living in Aliya Centra and waiting for places of their own to move into.

You will find young couples unable to begin their joint lives — for lack of housing.

You will find large families for whom larger homes are as essential as air to breathe — and next to impossible to obtain.

All these await your dedication, love and energy.

You will also find achievement and enterprise and a new political reality, moving towards peace, while we will find in your presence, as in your constant concern, strength that is no less important, than your material aid.

That strength stems from Jewish solidarity in feeling and action, solidarity which will ensure the future of our people.

YITZHAK NAVON
President of the State of Israel



On behalf of the Jewish Agency Executive, I extend a cordial welcome to the members of the UJA 1980 President's Mission.

You come to Israel during the fiftieth anniversary year of the Jewish Agency. These fifty years are highlighted by the active partnership of world Jewry in the establishment and the development of the State of Israel.

Our historical tasks continue. The prospect of peace in the Middle East requires new answers to the many challenges. Immigration has increased, and we must be enabled to absorb the many thousands who come here to link their destiny with Israel.

The pressures of history call upon us to accelerate the development of the Negev in the south, and the Galilee in the north.

At the same time, world Jewry is committed to Project Renewal aimed at the rehabilitation of Israel's distressed neighborhoods where live 45,000 families who were never fully absorbed into the mainstream of Israeli society.

Your visit will provide the opportunity to see first-hand the role of American Jewry in helping to meet the challenges of peace. I know that you will bring to your committee the message of our common responsibility.

A.L. DULZIN
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Mr. President:

Some of the people listed on this page as participants in the Second Annual President's Mission have come to Israel many times before. They come this time, as always, in a spirit of brotherhood and with a firm and enduring sense of commitment to the future of this land and its people. And they will, as always, return home enriched and invigorated, ready to share with their communities the gifts of special knowledge and insights they will receive on this mission.

Others will be receiving what is perhaps an even greater gift: the incomparable joy of revelation which comes with a first visit to Israel. They are particularly fortunate that they are undertaking this initial journey to the heartland of the Jewish people under your auspices. All of us, Mr. President — first-timers and "old-timers" alike — are honored by your invitation.

We come as fact-finders and as family. Yes, we look forward to learning the details and dimensions of the programmes we help support and sustain through our community campaigns, for

that is part of our responsibility to our constituents. But we anticipate even more eagerly our heart-to-heart encounters with the brothers and sisters of our extended family who support and sustain us even more meaningfully.

We come with open hearts, open arms, open minds. To touch, to embrace, to understand. Touching, we will verify the lifeline which joins us with the people of Israel. Embracing, we will confirm the love and concern which flow along that lifeline. Understanding, we will return to our communities to fortify the campaigns which create and sustain that flow.

We know that we come at a time of the most complex challenge and opportunity in Jewish life. The challenge, at one and the same time, of meeting the costs of a possible peace while withstanding the erosion of an impossible inflation. The opportunity, at one and the same time, of absorbing the Jews of a new exodus into the mainstream of free Jewish life while renewing the lives of those who have waited far too long for their

absorption. It is a time when every major human priority in the Jewish world has converged to demand that we give the most and the best that is in us.

We are not dismayed by the magnitude of that demand. It asks of us what we have never achieved before in a peace-year campaign — but what we have known all along to be clearly possible for us.

And we are pleased and honored, Mr. President, that — as we begin our move toward what is possible in 1980 — you have brought us here to meet with a people and a leadership which has so well and for so many years accomplished so much that seemed impossible.

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"THE OPENING OF V.I.P.'s newest branch, will enable Jerusalemites to participate fully in the growth of tourism between Israel and Egypt," says Walter Arbib, joint managing director of V.I.P. Travel.

The company pioneered tourism between the two countries last June, when the 46-ton yacht Gabriella, carrying the first Israeli-born tourist to visit Egypt since the signing of the peace treaty, Ofra Gamel, made the historic journey between Tel Aviv Marina and Port Said.

With the opening of the commercial air route between Tel Aviv and Cairo, expected to materialize in March, V.I.P. has already prepared a programme of low-cost package flights for the thousands of Israelis eagerly waiting to visit the Land of the Pyramids.

Also being planned are week-long tours for Israelis who served in the Allied forces in Egypt during World War II. Glyn Bowden, in charge of sales and marketing of V.I.P. says that although the package had not yet been marketed, hundreds of bookings had been made for the package, which will include a visit to El Alamein.

Meanwhile, V.I.P. commences low-cost flights to Egypt, via Cyprus, effective November 5 — with five nights in top class hotels on a bed and breakfast basis for (U.S.) \$370, including all transfers.

The new V.I.P. Jerusalem office, is managed by veteran travel expert Meir Friedel, who has been a licensed tour operator for 30 years.

FOR THE first time in many years, new airline representations have been opened in Israel. Eastern Airlines, the huge U.S. carrier, which opened in Tel Aviv, has appointed Arich Ben Ahar, a veteran travel expert, as its general sales manager.

This month saw the opening of the new offices of Aeromexico, also in Tel Aviv with the occasion marked by a "Mexican week" reception for the travel trade given by the Tel Aviv Sheraton in co-operation with El Al. Appointed general sales agent for Aeromexico is Jacques Rubenstein, who has dealt in Mexico-Israel travel for many years. With El Al's suspension of its Mexico route, travellers from that country will be transported by Aeromexico to New York, or Paris and then, El Al to Tel Aviv.

A WIDESPREAD, well-organized sale of air tickets at fares normally available only for student and youth travellers, has resulted in heavy

TRAVEL NOTES Baruch Saville

financial loss to several airlines operating out of Israel. According to an El Al official, unlicensed travel agents have obtained the low-fare tickets for their clients in what amounts to presentation of false documentation. El Al sources say the airline has lost more than 111,000 in instances of over-age adults travelling on youth or student fares.

El Al says, the airline management had ordered a clean sweep of the "black market" in air tickets and that licensed agents would soon receive incentives from the airline, following the system initiated in the U.S. and elsewhere. Meanwhile, the Israel Travel Agents Association says it will take steps to eliminate any further possibility of illegal reduced-fare tickets.

THE MINISTER of Tourism of the Republic of South Africa, Dr. the Honourable A.P. Treurnicht, has officially established the South African Tourist Corporation's full-time office

In Tel Aviv, Dr. Treurnicht noted that South Africa is the first country to open an independent tourist office in Israel (other countries' tourism offices are represented by their national airlines).

David Rosam, 39, an expert in sales and marketing, heads the office, the 17th of Satour's overseas representations.

COMMERCIAL aviation's pace-setter, Sir Freddie Laker, is expected to arrive in Israel, on November 8 for a two-day stay and thereby inaugurating a winter charter series for four UK operators.

Sir Freddie will be guest of honour at the King David hotel at a luncheon gathering of Israel's top tourism people organized by the Dan Hotels chain, which is hosting Sir Freddie's stay here. Sir Freddie is reportedly seriously contemplating operating his own regular charter service to Israel, beginning next year, and he is awaiting approval from UK civil aviation authorities for a route to Australia including a stopover in Israel.

MOSHE ELIAT officially becomes

El Al's spokesman on December 1. Jerusalem-born, 41-year-old Eliat is currently winding up his tour as El Al representative for New England. He has been in Boston for nearly five years, where he achieved unusual success. Eliat, who has been with El Al for 14 years, was assistant head of the company's public relations department before taking up the U.S. post.

EL AL's route to Los Angeles, originally planned to open in April 1979, will be shelved temporarily as part of the airline's economy programme now going into effect. While the viability of additional routes are still being examined for possible frequency reductions, or closure it is understood from well-informed sources in the Transport Ministry that there is a possibility that the airline will initiate a cost-cutting programme in its U.S. representation. This possibly could include the closure of several branch offices such as Pittsburg, St. Louis, Detroit and Cleveland. There is also a possibility that the airline's office in Manchester, England, may go by the board, as well as the ones in Nice and Milan.

The cuts are part of acting President Rafi Har-lev's programme to reduce El Al staff by 25 per cent over the next three years.



Footloose and fancy free, a traveller aboard an El Al flight changes seats. (David Rubinger)

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Syria's secret Moslem rebels

By A Special Correspondent
DAMASCUS. — Is Syria heading for an Islamic revolution? Increasingly frequent acts of terror in the main cities of Syria are reported here with fatalistic — sometimes almost gleeful — murmurs over "the Arab telephone."

This is the highly efficient grapevine by which news and gossip, unannounced or concealed by the government, become general knowledge within 24 hours. The elusiveness of the Islamic fundamentalists who have been assassinating members of the Alawite Moslem sect, the minority community which dominates the present Syrian regime of President Hafez Assad, is compounded by the attitude of the official media.

The public is told that the Moslem Brotherhood, a politico-religious organization, is directing the wave of terror. They are constantly reminded that the Brotherhood has received funds from Western sources, including the CIA, although not a word is said about Saudi Arabian finance which goes to small Islamic groups. There is some evidence for the government line in the fact that the massacre of some 60 Alawi military cadets in Aleppo last July came only a fortnight after the publication in *Al-Dawa*, the monthly journal of the Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt, of an article attacking the Syrian regime for "waging war on Moslems."

But putting the blame on the Moslem Brotherhood is really a way of obscuring the whole problem. By branding the turmoil an entirely foreign-inspired, and specifically by the Camp David countries, Egypt, Israel and the U.S., the government seeks to legitimize the use of terror and intensified police activity against the Moslem Brotherhood, without regard to the basic political reforms which are required to deal with the widespread resentment that has crystallized in today's sectarianism.

Syrians know that the Moslem Brotherhood was decimated in the wake of the Ba'ath party takeover of the country in 1963. Since then, very little real political life has existed in Syria and every organized movement inimical to the regime has been nipped in the bud.

The Ba'ath party and, more effectively, the political police (the *mukhabarat*) have sought to move into the old quarters of the cities, where ties of kinship, locality, mystical fraternity, and often of occupation play a paramount role in maintaining order.

The party sought to win the hearts and minds of the people, while the police sought to enforce their obedience. Neither succeeded in securing more than superficial cooperation from a number of in-

dividuals, who saw in this relationship merely a sound business opportunity.

Yet side by side with these collaborators, and unknown to them, there developed an intense revival of mystical fraternities. From such circles are drawn the political activists — who form small organizations such as those now terrorizing people in positions of power and authority.

It is wise to name only the dead. There was, for example, Sheikh Hassan Habannakeh, whose numerous students in religious studies now instruct in a very large number of Damascus mosques. He led 20,000 people out of the Manjak Mosque in the Midan area of Damascus in May 1967 in a violent and famous protest against the publication of an atheistic article in the army monthly magazine, *Jish al-Shahab*.

The significance of this episode lay not so much in the content of the article as in the way symbolic events of little consequence in themselves come to embody general attitudes of opposition to the regime.

Similarly, the students of the late Sheikh Abdul-Karim Rifal have formed mosque circles. Each circle, though not in itself a political unit, plays the role of educating the young in terms of a culture utterly distinct from that of the regime.

Belonging to a mosque study group becomes at once an act of piety and one of dissent. The study circles are divided along lines of occupation: there are circles for workers, others for teachers and students, yet others for the self-employed (butchers have traditionally been an important component of popular movements in Damascus).

Since the crackdown after the Aleppo massacre, the presence of *mukhabarat* agents in these study groups has been intensified, but the groups have not in any way reduced their activities.

The political regime is seen as responsible for the ills of society, and in Syria, the iniquities of the regime can easily be ascribed to its disproportionate number of Alawites — Assad's minority Moslem sect.

Corruption is then seen as the result of the influence of minority rule — and, consequently, of bereavement. The idea of restoring the caliphate is often voiced, an attitude which, curiously, has recently been reflected by a radical revision among some intellectuals and historians of the long-established attitude to the break-up of the Ottoman empire.

The present Syrian regime is regarded as *ughyan*, the rich Arabic word for tyranny mingled with injustice and hostility to the divine order. (Ofns)

Focusing on the battered hills of South Lebanon

By DOYLE MC MANUS
BEIRUT. — After months of Palestinian attacks and back-and-forth artillery duels with Christian forces, the battered hills of south Lebanon have suddenly become the focus of a flurry of diplomatic peacemaking.

The United States has sent former Undersecretary of State Philip C. Habib to open talks on the problem. France, too, has sent a high-level emissary. The United Nations is preparing a "programme of action." And the Arab League is planning a summit meeting to find an "Arab solution."

There are even signs that the ingredients of a truce — not peace, but a truce — might soon be at hand. Maj. Saad Haddad, the leader of the Israel-backed Christian militia that controls a 10-kilometre strip along the Israel-Lebanon border, told reporters last week that he is "willing to cooperate" to make peace.

"We have no objection to the American initiative," Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman Mahmud Labadi said. "If its aim is to pacify south Lebanon, we are for it."

Haddad and the PLO, who fought as sworn enemies until a patchwork cease-fire was declared at the end of August, have each agreed in principle to allow the Lebanese army into some of the territory they control, a first step, Lebanese officials say, in restoring some measure of government authority over the southern no-man's-land.

Diplomats who have seen many earlier peace initiatives in the Middle East collapse caution that it is too early for optimism. But the public commitment of the United States to work actively toward a truce "is a major step in itself," a Western ambassador said.

So far, the "American initiative," as hopeful Lebanese are calling it, is a modest one. U.S. officials said Habib has brought no detailed proposals for his talks in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and possibly France and the Vatican.

All the U.S. wants to do is to promote indirect negotiations among Israel, Lebanon, the PLO and Haddad's militia aimed at ending the cease-border fighting and strengthening the hapless Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis.

Those goals have already proven elusive enough. South Lebanon, a region of hard-scrabble farms between barren brown hills, was the PLO's major base for terrorist operations against Israel until 1976 when Israel helped Haddad seize a string of villages along the frontier.

In March, 1978, after a Palestinian terror attack that killed 35 Israelis, Israel went into the south and swiftly drove the Palestinians 25 km north. When the Israeli army withdrew

three months later, it turned over most of the south to a United Nations force — but kept the border villages under the control of Haddad. The buffer zone thus formed prevented the Palestinians from launching any terrorist operations across the border, but PLO terrorists still skirmished with Haddad's men and attacked Israel from the sea.

Last April, Prime Minister Menahem Begin ordered a new policy of "preventive attacks" by Israeli ground troops and air force against terrorist positions.

That offensive, conducted throughout most of last summer, succeeded in weakening the PLO's military strength. But the bombing and shelling failed to dislodge the Palestinians from their southern-most bases near the biblical seaport of Tyre.

Now the battered Palestinians sound interested in a truce. Arab diplomats say they hope Israel is willing to join in defusing the south — and they say they want the U.S. to pressure Israel into taking a chance on the peacekeeping ability of the U.N. and the Lebanese army instead of relying so heavily on Haddad's men.

PLO spokesman Labadi said the terrorists will accept Lebanese

army control "on every inch of south Lebanon, so that Israel has no pretext to attack." But he also said the Palestinians would refuse to withdraw completely from positions south of the Litani river.

Haddad has said he will welcome Lebanese army units into the town of Marjayoun in his area — but he says he expects the troops to "help us... prevent the infiltration of terrorists." He is still fond of declaring that his ultimate objective is "to liberate all of Lebanon," from both the terrorists and the 30,000 Syrian troops stationed in the country.

The Lebanese government, too, presents a problem. The U.S. would like the Lebanese "to pick up the ball" and play a central role in any negotiations, a U.S. official said, but Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Moslem, and Foreign Minister Foad Boutros, a Christian, disagree on how to approach the issue. Finally, there is the army, still struggling to its feet after its collapse in the 1976 civil war, still the object of Christian and Moslem suspicions, still mostly untested. "Lebanon is an ailing body," said one observer. "There are too many doctors and each of them brings his own medicine. This body cannot be cured so quickly." (Washington Post News Service)



No smiles in welfare paradise

By JULIET PEARCE
KUWAIT. — A mutiny by Kuwait's conscript soldiers earlier this year illustrated just how pampered are the people of this oil-rich nation.

The recruits complain of faulty air-conditioning in their barracks, of overcrowding, of poor quality food and of being bullied by their sergeants. Not only did the government give in, but the conscripts also received hefty pay increases.

National service was instituted in Kuwait not so much to put teeth into the small although powerfully armed defence force but to give more muscle to the young generation, going increasingly flabby.

Kuwait, sitting on one-eighth of the non-communist world's oil reserves, has been overly generous to its population. Native Kuwaitis — 47 per cent of the population of 1.2 million — can expect the government to spend half-a-million dollars at pre-

cent exchange rate on each man, woman and child during their lifetime.

The benefits range from a free local telephone service to state-paid trips for specialised medical treatment abroad. Water from costly desalination plants is free and electricity is provided at minimal cost.

Students at Kuwait University get free text books. Those studying at foreign universities — and this year there were more than 3,000 — have all their fees paid, receive monthly allowances of \$500 and a free trip every year to visit their families.

Kuwait can afford to be generous to its citizens. The state collects an annual income from its oil exports of close to \$10 billion. Much is invested in foreign securities, and generous loans are made to developing countries. But a sizeable proportion stays at home, converted into welfare benefits.

For example, Kuwait is spending 14 per cent of the national budget on education — compared to 4 per cent in an average West European country.

There is much to be done in education in this barren expanse of land, settled 200 years ago by the Bedouin tribe of Beni Khalid. Even today the illiteracy rate is close to 40 per cent.

Every Kuwaiti is entitled to a job. Those who cannot find one in the private sector obtain state employment. Of the 117,000 state employees, 54 per cent are Kuwaitis, the others mainly Palestinians. An estimated 25 per cent of state-employed Kuwaitis are illiterate. They serve coffee, sweep offices and push lift buttons — at generous wages with no income tax.

In 1949 the government, then a British protectorate, had four doctors. Today it employs more than 1,000 and there are about 200 in private practice. This makes a ratio of 12

physicians for every 1,000 inhabitants, which is on a par with Western Europe.

The obvious question is whether the system functions. "Yes, dental care is free, but a dentist is likely to break your jaw," complained one bitter Palestinian.

"The telephones are free but a lot of the time they don't work," said another foreign resident.

Native Kuwaitis — those upon whom most benefits are showered — have much less complaint. Those who need land for houses or commercial ventures can purchase it from the government at nominal prices. Low-income families are given free housing. Every few months there is a ceremony at which members of the ruling Al-Sabah family hands over rows of neat houses to new owners.

Despite all this, Kuwait is not Utopia. Its desert has not bloomed. Its people rarely smile. (Ofns)



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Marks & Spencer head scores 'eight-zero-two' bureaucrats Economic bubble may burst: Sieff

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Sir Marcus Sieff yesterday did something which he claimed "no Israeli government has done for many years" — he warned that unless immediate and vigorous steps were taken, unpopular as they might be, the economic bubble here would burst.

Sir Marcus said. Israel suffers excessively from one of the modern world's most common diseases — the wasteful growth of bureaucracy and poor productivity, the speaker warned. "Your bureaucracy grows and grows, irrespective of the party in power. Yet nothing is being done about it. No country can afford excessive bureaucracy — Israel least of all. Nevertheless, ... Israel leads the free nations in the field of bureaucracy, as far as I can see."

political leaders have sensible plans on paper to improve the situation, but as far as I can see, few, if any of these plans, are being implemented," he said. "A government which has to its great credit the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt must tackle such vital economic problems," he added.



Sir Marcus Sieff

Sir Marcus, who is chairman of Marks & Spencer, the huge English department store chain, added that "many may think it is not the place for a Jew from the diaspora to comment in this way on your internal problems. But as a long-time friend, I would prefer false if I did not tell you truthfully about my fears."

It was not bad enough, the jobs of these unproductive people were guaranteed for life. And although they did nothing at all, their purchasing power, like that of many members of the Histadrut, was shielded from the ravages of inflation. They also contribute much to this inflation, because their salaries are linked to the cost-of-living index, and in some cases, these salaries rise faster than the rate of inflation.

Earlier, Sir Marcus spoke about the relationship between Marks & Spencer and Israeli producers. "Although we seek British production as a first priority, we do all we can to help Israel in those areas where we have some expertise, and we have been doing this for 36 years."

Marks & Spencer would buy more than \$500 million worth of goods from Israel this year, and joint plans materialize, this sum should grow considerably over the next few years, he said. Marks & Spencer was not only buying goods, but it was also displaying Israeli goods to other foreign buyers in England, thus helping to stimulate Israeli exports.

2,000 years of inflation

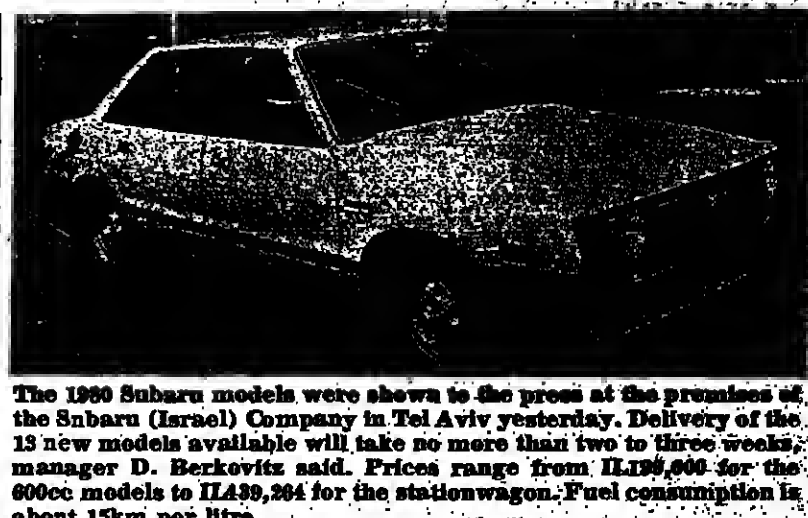
By WILLIAM GUTTMANN Observer Foreign News Service, LONDON. — The curse of rising prices and depreciating money is almost as old as money itself. In the Western world the familiar association of inflation with printing money galore is not older than a couple of centuries, though China, where they invented paper money, suffered disastrously from inflation due to indiscriminate issue of paper currency as early as the eleventh century.

In the 1500s Spain's conquests in the Americas were followed by the influx of vast quantities of gold and silver. The impact of this big increase in purchasing power drove up prices by hundreds of per cent. Cheap goods were imported and national industry stagnated. The consequences for Spain were disastrous economically and, ultimately, politically.

World War II generated another bout of inflation. An all-time record was achieved by Hungary, where the pre-war currency unit, based on gold, was valued at 120 trillion units. Since then inflation has been endemic in the world. The pound dollar is depreciating at the moment, at a rate of 12 per cent, not much less than Britain's inflation of about 16 per cent.

Pan Am merges with National

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Civil Aeronautics Board said yesterday it had approved a bid by Pan American World Airways to take over National Airlines in one of the largest mergers in airline history. The merger will give Pan Am its long-sought domestic routes and create the nation's seventh-largest airline. Pan Am is the largest U.S. national carrier, while National is the smallest of the nation's 10 domestic trunk carriers.



The 1980 Subaru models were shown to the press at the premises of the Subaru (Israel) Company in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Joint Israel-Egypt tourism mooted

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter An Egyptian tourism official last week called for joint tourism promotion between Israel and his country. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday. The Egyptian official was speaking at one of two receptions tendered by the Israeli Government Tourist Office and the country's tourism industry at the annual convention of ASTA (American Society of Travel Agents) in Munich, Germany, billed as "King Solomon's Oasis."

delegates to the convention. In view of the fact that this is one of the world's most important travel industry gatherings, with delegates fought over by the representatives of innumerable tourist sites and enterprises, the large attendance at the reception is considered very good.

Corn on the cob subject of research

TEL AVIV. — A new method of preparing corn on the cob is now being used by Sunrest in Ashdod, based on research carried out by the Technion in Haifa. Formerly, to preserve the corn's taste and colour while at the same time preventing the enzymatic process which eventually causes the corn to begin to spoil, the kernels had to be shaved off the cob. The kernels were then immersed in boiling water for 45 seconds.

symatic process within the cob. II, on the other hand, the ear of corn was immersed long enough to stop this enzymatic process, the kernels had to be actually boiled, thus depriving them of much of their taste and some of their colour. The Technion research showed that by dipping the entire ear of corn in boiling water for 45 seconds while giving it an "electric shock" was sufficient to reach the innermost part of the cob and stop the enzymatic process.

Mixed S. Africa study mission here

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The first mixed white-black study mission of businessmen from South Africa yesterday wound up a ten-day visit here, "immensely impressed with the enormous achievements of the past 30 years," as A. Gadl of the delegation said in his speech of thanks at the Israeli-South Africa Chamber of Commerce.

"We believe," T.S. Malaise of The Jerusalem Post, that the ORF vocational school system could be adapted to our needs, as well as the moshav method of joint buying and selling of goods." J.N. Ferreira noted that the economic interests of South Africa cut across white and black lines, matters which we are, we all believe, some 'economy', which is, in black or white. As businessmen, our mutual interest to work closely together. Both sides believe in the enterprise."

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Safe deposit key unlocks question of bank cartels The deposit charged by banks for the two keys issued to renters of safe-deposit boxes was raised in a parliamentary question last week by Dov Shilansky (Likud). He stated that in addition to the annual rental fee the banks demand a deposit for the keys, ranging from IL100 to IL250.

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Commercial bank shares out to beat index

TEL AVIV. — The continuous upward movement of commercial bank shares is the surest indicator that the banking community is doing its best to have its shares show a "real return" when the current year comes to an end.

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

generally ahead by about one per cent. Among insurance stocks Yardenia IIL rose by 4.6 per cent, but Securitas was down by 5.3 per cent.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like L.I.B. bank, L.I.B. bank, L.I.B. bank, etc.

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On behalf of the Falashas

THE FALASHAS in Israel announced this week that they plan to demonstrate in protest against the Government's failure to engage in any action to rescue their endangered community in Ethiopia.

While this may be an overstatement, the Falashas' bitterness is certainly understandable.

Israel and the world Jewish community has devoted massive energy and resources on behalf of Soviet Jewry; the government has mounted rescue operations on behalf of the Vietnamese boat people and Cambodian refugees.

The tale of neglect is long. It certainly cannot be placed solely at the hands of Mr. Begin's Government. But it is nevertheless true that this government is continuing this neglect, despite the dangers facing the Falashas.

The source of that neglect derives historically from the narrow dogmatism and bigotry expressed on this issue by key orthodox functionaries located primarily in the National Religious Party.

These officials did not and do not accept the Falashas as Jews. But their position has historically been contested by other orthodox opinion, including Chief Rabbi Avraham Kook, and, in this generation, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

But even the halachic question is irrelevant for the Falashas, as a matter of record, are prepared to undergo conversion in Israel to dispel any doubt. Still nothing has been done to save them, even as their suffering in Ethiopia mounts.

Certainly the fact that these people consider themselves to be Jews, educate themselves as Jews, have been recognized as Jews by distinguished rabbis, and want nothing more than to immigrate to Israel to live as Jews should not be the reason why Israel and the Jewish people ignore their plight and condemn them to destruction.

What is needed is a concerted rescue effort embracing the government and the major world Jewish organizations for history will neither forget nor forgive anything less.

Sharing the price burden

YERUHAM MESHEL of the Histadrut is mistaken if he thinks that by increasing the cost-of-living allowance to 100 per cent instead of seventy or 80 per cent, and adjusting it every three months instead of every six months, he will immunise the working man to the impact of price inflation.

What good is it to receive a wage rise on pay-day if prices shoot up during the following weeks by the same amount again? If too much money is chasing too few goods, it does not matter how often wages are adjusted, prices will always be ahead.

The remedy is to stop prices from rocketing. This can be done in one way only, by slashing Government expenditure. Professor Berglas gave as his reason for resigning last week from heading the Treasury's Budget Division that the ministers take no notice of budget cuts; and that is the long and the short of it.

What about wages and the cost-of-living allowance? Responsive policies are needed here too, because if wages are kept too high, the requisite budget cuts (if made) will cause unemployment. The Histadrut strives to prevent the living standards of employed persons from being eroded by inflation, and rightly so.

It is bad that excessive money is being pumped into circulation. If that happens nevertheless, the trade union movement has every justification for making sure that it does not flow into the pockets of profiteers, at the expense of the wage-earners.

But there is another and quite separate force engendering price inflation: at the moment: OPEC. Every time the price of oil imports goes up, living standards in Israel (and in all other oil-importing countries too) have to take a dive.

The Histadrut can reasonably demand that if such an economy is necessary, all sectors of society should share in the sacrifice; which brings us back to the need for trimming Government expenditure.

The cost-of-living allowance should indeed be raised to 100 per cent — but with one proviso, that it compensate only for inflation deriving from domestic monetary policies. The index must exclude, for purposes of calculating the allowance, increase in the price of imported goods and services, because they represent an added cost to the economy, not an added profit to the businessman.

The Government could reasonably expect such a concession from the Histadrut, if it undertakes for its part to eliminate that segment of the inflationary tumour that does not enerve from increases in the price of imports. The Histadrut cannot be expected to help neutralize the impact of inflation, unless the Government does its job.

POSTSCRIPTS

SONGS like "Halelujah" and "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem" and singers like Yehoram Gaon, Hava Albrstein and Ark Binstein, will soon be heard on Egyptian Radio. Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid has sent 12 records, whose themes are peace, to

Ahmed el-Himali, the director of Hebrew broadcasting at Egyptian radio. The Voice of Cairo wants to establish a record library of Israeli tunes, especially those relating to peace, and Kol Yisrael's gift will form the backbone. J.S.

The national balance

CHAIM HERZOG is disturbed by the doubts being expressed about Israel's ability to function as a democracy.

EVIL WINDS are blowing and they are beginning to have a serious effect on our society. Our enemies, both near and far, see what is happening and draw their own conclusions.

As a people and as individuals, we tend to move rapidly from one extreme to another, and have a tendency at times to lose both our balance and our national sense of proportion.

Not that there isn't plenty of reason for the feeling of frustration and gloom that is pervading our society today.

One cannot live in a regime where inflation has reached the dizzying proportions we are experiencing in Israel without being alarmed at the possible implications, economic, political, and above all social. One cannot view the increasing violence, the apparent inability to enforce the law, the moral deterioration, the vandalism and the destruction of our beautiful heritage in public places, the lack of elementary civilized behaviour between human beings, without being very concerned and, indeed, alarmed. But because the resulting national picture lacks proportion, a national spirit is emerging that augurs ill for our society.

Of late, voices have been raised expressing doubt as to the suitability of the democratic system for Israel and indicating that Israelis are incapable of living and functioning as a people in a democratic framework.

Only a few days ago, we heard the unbelievable when a representative of Gush Emunim asserted in a television interview that if they cannot have their way, it may be better to forgo the benefits of democracy.

When an individual makes remarks like that one can only express regret and put it down to a tendency to an extreme form of expression which is characteristic of part of our society. But when discussing ideas such as these are suddenly reflected in the press, when to such sentiments is added the phenomenon of pressure groups that proclaim by deed and implication that they regard the public with disdain, it is time to worry about the future of our society and our people.

For these groups thumb their noses at the government, at the law, at the armed forces and at most of the people, because they are of the opinion that the population in general understands nothing and that they alone are inspired with Messianic wisdom and the ability to distinguish between good and bad.

If one adds to all this that there is no precedent in history of a country failing to control runaway inflation and continuing to operate as a democracy, the dangers facing our society must be evident.

IT IS UNNECESSARY to explain to the Israeli public the importance of democracy. Without such a basic, our national independence would have no real meaning. That is why it is so disturbing to note that this new phenomenon, doubts as to whether the democratic system is appropriate to our society, is not a function of political belief but of frustration and a feeling of hopelessness. The matter becomes doubly serious when the doubts receive practical expression in the actions of people with presumably good intentions, headed by moulders of public opinion and members of the Knesset, including those who have aspirations to leadership.

We do not ignore developments which reflect a rejection of the right of the majority to decide. These include actions which endeavour to dictate political decisions by means of *faits accomplis* that contravene the laws of the country and the orders of the government, issued by virtue of an authority voted for by a majority of the electorate. It includes, too, actions in labour disputes declared in defiance of the Histadrut, which was chosen by the country's workers to represent them and to protect their interests.

One is often constrained to ask how the strikers themselves really feel about these stoppages, and what they would have decided had they been given the elementary democratic right to express their views in a secret ballot. The absence of such a voice seems to be a reflection of the lack of regard that shop stewards and works committees

have for the rank and file they represent.

EVERYBODY sees things in the light of his or her own problems. In face of the apparent contempt for the sacred principles of democracy it behoves us to pause for a moment to take account of the situation, and to realize how rapidly we are rushing downhill towards hitherto undreamt-of dangers.

The national responsibility for this situation — indeed for every situation in the country, good or bad — lies, by the very nature of things, with the government. But it seems to me that the media have had no small share in creating the atmosphere I have described.

William Shirer, in his book on the fall of the Third French Republic, describes the central part the French press played in the cumulative erosion of the will of the French people to fight and to defend itself. It goes without saying that the media must investigate, criticize and describe things as they are; but they also have a responsibility to depict things in a fair and balanced manner.

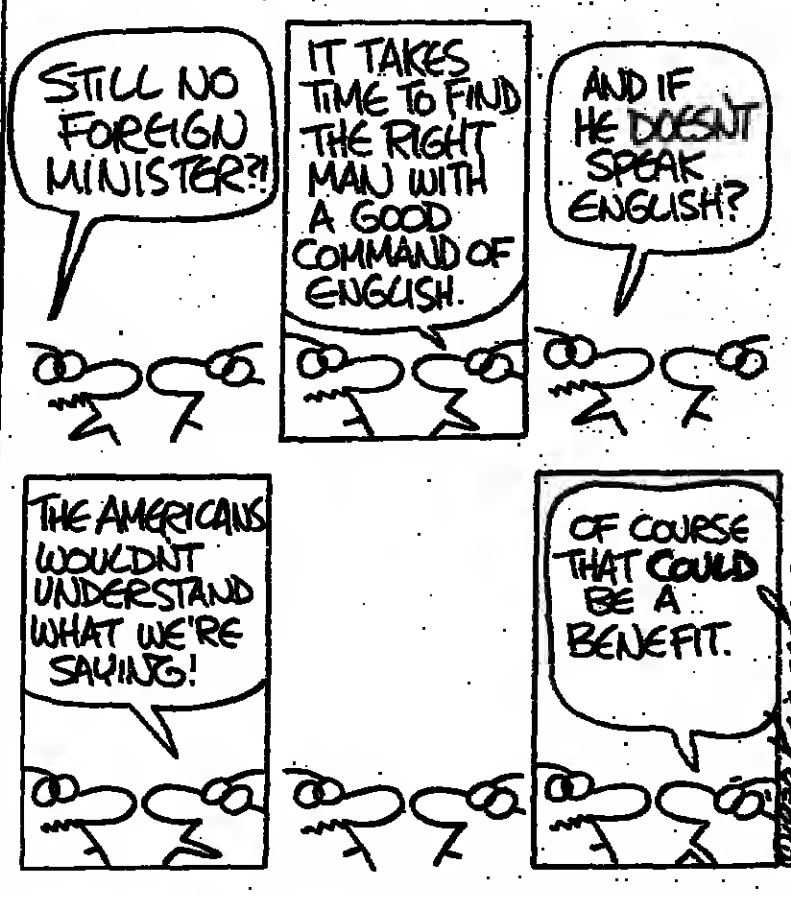
THIS COUNTRY is replete with positive events and phenomena, if one only looks for them, and they are there for all to see, provided we rid ourselves of the spreading plague of cynicism.

A few days ago, at a ceremony in which the President acknowledged the work of volunteers, we saw some wonderful people who represent many more like themselves, whose work never warrants any mention in the media, but who nevertheless continue to do good acts and to help their fellow-men without fanfare and with a great deal of sacrifice.

Did not their stories temper, even to a small degree, the frustration and bitterness created by the daily evidence of a deterioration in the quality of life in our society?

These positive phenomena exist, just as there exists a basically strong and healthy economic infrastructure which has grown up over the past 30 years, and which will bring our exports up to somewhere between \$8-

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85, this year, the highest export per head of population in the world.

Foreign countries in all parts of the world continue to send their students to study and learn from our agricultural achievements. We learned recently of the activation of the Chariot tank in the IDF. Fewer than 10 countries in the world build a tank like that, or a fighter plane like the Kfir, with all they represent in technological and industrial ability.

Recently, I read the articles by Musa Sabry, editor of the Daily "Al Akhbar," and Anis Mansour, editor of the weekly "October," and other Egyptian correspondents about their visit to Haifa, with President Sadat, in which they described what they saw at the Technion and at industrial plants in the area and their meeting with both the Jewish and Arab communities in Haifa. These correspondents, who have never hesitated in the past to criticize

Israel bitterly, could not disguise their admiration of what they saw here.

Something great and impressive has been created in this country. We must protect it, and not allow feelings of frustration and anger, brought about by what, in terms of our history, is but a passing phase, to affect the basis of our political regime and what we have inherited. Let us not make the mistake of throwing away the baby with the bath-water.

Political and economic situations are transient. We have been through far more difficult times in the past and have overcome. The emergence of the evil apirit which seems to me to emphasize the fact that, from a national point of view, what we need is a little more balance. And, yes, a little more faith in ourselves would help.

READERS' LETTERS

THANK YOU, RABBI DOLGIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Subtlety can be misleading. Upon first reading, the half page you allocated to Rabbi Simon A. Dolgin on October 4 seems to be a rather nasty attack on a very substantial part of the world's Jewish population.

However, upon re-reading and reflecting, the conclusion one is forced to is that Rabbi Dolgin has written a very clever defence of Conservative Judaism.

The rock upon which his lengthy structure is built is Maimonides. And, during his lifetime, the Rambam (Maimonides) was viewed very much as the Conservative thrust as viewed by some elements in the Orthodox establishment today. In fact, he and his thought were excommunicated in the very same way.

Nor is this all. Among the varieties of Orthodoxy which Rabbi Dolgin tells us are of course totally acceptable, the first mentioned is Hassidism. And, two centuries ago, it was the turn of Hassidim and Hassidism to be excommunicated by the very same kind of official leadership which did this to the Rambam in his day and is playing at doing it to us in our day.

ANIMAL SACRIFICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — This recent letter of the SPCA (October 7) and Ms. Gordon (October 23) confuse cruelty to animals with animal sacrifice.

Cruelty to animals is prohibited by the sacred Jewish tradition that prays daily for the restoration of the Temple and its animal sacrifices. Wanton killing of animals for pleasure is prohibited and few Jews hunt to this day, despite the social status of this cruel sport in what is called high society in countries such as England.

On the other hand, most of the civilized world accepts the Biblical viewpoint that man is superior in kind, not just degree, to life forms of plants and animals, which are to serve his genuine needs. Our food, clothing, leather products, etc. come from taking the lives of plants and animals. Somehow, as testified by our tradition, the Temple sacrificial order was able to change and purge the human personality, to concretize the feeling that one does not own his own life but must use it responsibly.

SELF-DETERMINATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Professor Dan V. Segre states in his article "Explaining Israel" (October 17): "One cannot, in the year 1980, persuade anyone anywhere that the right to security is superior or even equal to the right of self-determination of any people, the Palestinian Arabs included."

When one looks at the attitude of the world to the self-determination of such peoples as the Kurds, the

ARTHUR MILLER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — As a new immigrant, theatre-goer since 1940, and freelance drama reviewer (1972-9) for the "Lerner Home Newspapers" of Chicago, let me first tell you of my enjoyment of Mendel Kohansky's column, which is putting Israeli theatre into focus for me.

However, perhaps add to the eum of Mr. Kohansky's knowledge by taking friendly objection to his recent comments on Arthur Miller? In speaking of the great current success of the revival of "Death of a Salesman," he stated that Miller had not written a play in 20 years. He wrote "After the Fall" around 1963 or 1964, and "The Price" in the early '70s. Neither was an enormous critical or popular favourite, but both enjoyed respectable runs. It is true that Miller has produced little in 20 years — probably because he has nothing more to say.

I'll assume that Mr. Kohansky is considerably younger than I am — let us say in his thirties — which is the probable reason for his lack of perspective where "Death of a Salesman" is concerned. This play emerged around 1948, when the great wave of postwar American playwrights was finding its voice with a new language: Tennessee Williams ("Streetcar Named Desire") and William Inge ("Come Back, Little Sheba," "Bus Stop," "Picnic").

Miller's treatment of a career salesman whose illusions were fading was, and remains, a fine sample of the puncturing of the American dream as anything you'll encounter. This stands as Miller's magnum opus, a classic in the best sense. What if it is 30 years old and Miller never matched or surpassed it? And how many playwrights has Mr. Kohansky himself been bringing to task of late because they are saying nothing new?

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LAMENT FOR "ARIEL"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — It is with great sorrow and amazement that we received news about the Foreign Ministry's decision to cease publication of "Ariel". Not only is the journal a primary medium for awareness and appreciation of Israel's culture and heritage, it is also a bearer of much-needed positive "news" about Israel. "Ariel" has been a constant reminder to Jews in the Diaspora that life in Israel is not purely strife and rifts (as journalistic reports seem to proclaim daily). To know that there is room for the "better things in life" in the Land of Israel, that the Jewish tradition of upholding art and literature is much alive there and that artists are not being starved after making aliyah, has always been glad tidings reflected in every issue of "Ariel".

"Ariel" is shining evidence that the "opera in Afula" is not a hoax. It is unfortunate that Diaspora Jews will be denied the right to all these. To the true lover of the arts, this is a sin of the magnitude of expropriating land from Arabs.

It is not incongruous that Mr. Dayan, who has gained worldwide acclaim as a lover and collector of beautiful things, seems insensitive to the cultural needs of Jews abroad, and is unable to perceive the impact of cultural trust in international diplomacy? It is irreconcilable with one's reason and sensibilities that we say goodbye to "Ariel" when proceeds from an auction of a few objects from Mr. Dayan's famous collection could save the journal that feeds a world which is hungry for good news from Israel.

DAMAGING POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — It is unfortunate that so few of our Israeli friends seem to comprehend how damaging their promotion of settlement of privately-owned Arab lands has been to the Israeli cause. This policy has alienated many conscientious Americans, and forced us to see the Middle East conflict for the first time from the perspective of the displaced Arab refugees.

Like many other young Americans, I find the Israeli settlement policy to be a shameful act of inhumane aggression by a people who should know, better than most, the long-term cost of a conqueror's bullying oppression. I urge you to discontinue the settlement of former Arab lands and to return those lands already settled to their legal owners. To continue the settlement policy is only to make short-term gains at far, far greater long-term losses.

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